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To
The Editor,

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Sir,

I request that the following matter may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

Refresher course on Bioagents in TNAU

A ten days refresher course on Bioagents was organised under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Nematodes in cropping systems, ICAR, New Delhi from 18 – 29th July 2016 at the Department of Nematology and Plant Pathology, TNAU, Coimbatore. Seventeen participants from all across the country are participating in the training.

The programme was inaugurated by Dr. K. Ramasamy, Vice Chancellor, TNAU, Coimbatore. He stressed on precision in research and in consideration of natural system of equilibrium while formulating plant protection strategies. The course manual and a CD of a trilingual video on ‘Management of root knot nematodes in guava and pomegranate’ were released by the honourable Vice-Chancellor during this function.

Dr. M. Maheswaran, Director of Research, TNAU, Coimbatore in his felicitation address mentioned the significance of dau genes with respect to entomopathogenic nematodes for insect management.

Dr. K. Ramaraju welcomed the gathering and stressed the need for “Hands on training in Nematology and Pathology” for the scientists.

Dr. R.K. Walia, Project Coordinator, AICRP (N) emphasized on use of indigenous bioagents for managing new emerging nematode problems in poly house, guava, pomegranate and rice.

Dr. S. Subramanian, Professor and Head and Course Director explained the Course structure. Dr. K. Poornima (Nematology) and AICRP scheme incharge proposed a formal vote of thanks.

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